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TERM EXPIRES 1893.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, BOSTON, Jan. 20, 1893.

HON. WILLIAM E. BARRETT,

Speaker, House of Representatives.

SIR:—I have the honor to transmit, for the use of the Legislature, the Third Annual Report of the Board of Library Commissioners.

Very respectfully,

WM. M. OLIN,

Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.

The Free Public Library Commission herewith submits its third report, embracing a summary of the results accomplished, under the law by which it was established, during the calendar year 1892.

THE COMMISSION.

The personnel and organization of the commission remains the same as at the date of the first report, Miss E. P. Sohier, whose term expired Oct. 22, 1892, having been re-appointed by the governor for the full term of five years. It has held meetings at the State House once each month during the year.

NEW FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES ESTABLISHED UNDER THE LAW.

During the year nineteen towns have accepted the provisions of chapter 347 of the Acts of 1890, and the town of Wilbraham, which accepted the act in 1891, has completed its action by the legal choice of trustees, and has been supplied with the books. The towns of Huntington, Hawley and South Hadley have not yet notified the commission of their full compliance with the statute by the choice of trustees in the legal form. The town of Hardwick, although it has complied with all legal requirements, has not yet been supplied with books, for the reason that the lists of books which it is to receive from other sources are awaited before making the selection, in order to avoid duplication. The following list embraces the names of the sixteen towns which have fully completed the action required of them by the law, and have been furnished with books by the commission during the year :—

Avon,	Holland,	Savoy,
Colrain,	Leyden,	Shelburne,
Dana,	Lynnfield,	Tolland,
Essex,	Medway,	Wilbraham,
Freetown,	Oakham,	Wrentham.
Gosnold,		

It thus appears that, including the thirty-six towns supplied in 1891, fifty-two towns have received books from the commission under this law, and four others will doubtless soon be added to the list.

TOWNS CLASSIFIED AS TO LIBRARIES.

The following classification of the towns, revised to date, shows the free library facilities they now enjoy:—

CLASS 1.

Towns which have libraries owned and controlled by the town, and free for circulation to all the people.

Abington,	Chatham,	Hamilton,
Adams,	Chelsea,	Hampden,
Agawam,	Chesterfield,	Hanover,
Alford,	Chicopee,	Harvard,
Andover,	Chilmark,	Hatfield,
Arlington,	Clinton,	Holbrook,
Ashburnham,	Cohasset,	Holden,
Ashby,	Colrain,	Holland,
Ashland,	Dalton,	Holliston,
Athol,	Dana,	Hopedale,
Attleborough,	Dedham,	Hubbardston,
Auburn,	Douglas,	Hudson,
Avon,	Dunstable,	Hull,
Ayer,	East Bridgewater,	Hyde Park,
Belmont,	Eastham,	Lancaster,
Berlin,	Edgartown,	Lanesborough,
Beverly,	Egremont,	Leicester,
Blackstone,	Erving,	Leominster,
Blandford,	Essex,	Leverett,
Bolton,	Everett,	Leyden,
Boston,	Fall River,	Lowell,
Bourne,	Falmouth,	Ludlow,
Boxborough,	Fitchburg,	Lunenburg,
Boylston,	Foxborough,	Lynn,
Bridgewater,	Framingham,	Lynnfield,
Brimfield,	Freetown,	Manchester,
Brockton,	Gill,	Mansfield,
Brookfield,	Goshen,	Marblehead,
Brookline,	Gosnold,	Marlborough,
Burlington,	Granby,	Mashpee,
Cambridge,	Greenfield,	Mattapoisett,
Canton,	Greenwich,	Maynard,
Carlisle,	Groton,	Medfield,
Charlemont,	Groveland,	Medford,
Charlton,	Halifax,	Medway,

Melrose,	Peru,	Taunton,
Mendon,	Phillipston,	Templeton,
Merrimac,	Plainfield,	Tewksbury,
Middleborough	Plymouth,	Tolland,
Middlefield,	Plympton,	Topsfield,
Middleton,	Prescott,	Townsend,
Milford,	Provincetown,	Tyngsborough,
Millbury,	Quincy,	Tyringham,
Millis,	Randolph,	Upton,
Milton,	Reading,	Uxbridge,
Montague,	Revere,	Wakefield,
Monterey,	Richmond,	Walpole,
Mount Washington,	Rochester,	Waltham,
Nahant,	Rockland,	Warwick,
Natick,	Rockport,	Watertown,
Needham,	Rowe,	Wayland,
New Ashford,	Rowley,	Webster,
New Bedford,	Royalston,	Wenham,
New Braintree,	Rutland,	Westborough,
Newburyport,	Sandwich,	West Boylston,
New Salem,	Saugus,	West Bridgewater,
Newton,	Savoy,	West Brookfield,
Norfolk,	Sharon,	Westford,
North Adams,	Sheffield,	Westminster,
Northampton,	Shelburne,	Weston,
North Andover,	Sherborn,	Westport,
North Attleborough,	Shirley,	West Springfield,
Northborough,	Shrewsbury,	West Stockbridge,
North Brookfield,	Somerville,	Weymouth,
Northfield,	Southborough,	Whately,
North Reading,	Southbridge,	Whitman,
Norwood,	Southwick,	Wilbraham,
Oakham,	Spencer,	Williamstown,
Orange,	Sterling,	Wilmington,
Orleans,	Stoneham,	Winchendon,
Otis,	Stoughton,	Winchester,
Oxford,	Sturbridge,	Windsor,
Paxton,	Sudbury,	Winthrop,
Peabody,	Sunderland,	Worcester,
Pelham,	Sutton,	Wrentham. — 227.
Pepperell,	Swampscott,	

CLASS 2.

Towns which have free libraries in which the town has some representation in the management.

Acton,	Bedford,	Bradford,
Amesbury,	Belchertown,	Braintree,
Barre,	Bernardston,	Concord,

Cummington,	Haverhill,	Malden,
Danvers,	Hingham,	Norton,
Easthampton,	Holyoke,	Petersham,
Enfield,	Lawrence,	Salem,
Franklin,	Lexington,	Springfield,
Georgetown,	Lincoln,	Warren,
Grafton,	Littleton,	Woburn. — 30.

CLASS 3.

Towns in which there are libraries to which the town appropriates money, but is not represented in the management.

Amherst,	Lee,	Princeton,
Ashfield,	Lenox,	Southampton,
Boxford,	Monson,	Stockbridge,
Cottage City,	Northbridge,	Wellesley,
Duxbury,	Palmer,	Westfield,
Gardner,	Pembroke,	Westhampton,
Great Barrington,	Pittsfield,	Worthington. — 22.
Hinsdale,		

CLASS 4.

Towns in which there are free libraries which have no connection with the town.

Barnstable,	Harwich,	Raynham,
Becket,	Hopkinton,	Rehoboth,
Billerica,	Ipswich,	Scituate,
Buckland,	Kingston,	Ware,
Deerfield,	Marion,	Wareham,
Easton,	Methuen,	Yarmouth. — 19.
Gloucester,		

CLASS 5.

Towns which have libraries owned by the town, but which charge a fee.
Conway. — 1.

CLASS 6.

Towns having no free library.

Acushnet,	Dennis,	Hancock,
Bellingham,	Dighton,	Hanson,
Berkley,	Dover,	Hardwick,
Brewster,	Dracut,	Hawley,
Carver,	Dudley,	Heath,
Chelmsford,	Fairhaven,	Huntington,
Cheshire,	Florida,	Lakeville,
Chester,	Gay Head,	Longmeadow,
Clarksburg,	Granville,	Marshfield,
Dartmouth,	Hadley,	Monroe,

Montgomery,	Seekonk,	Wales,
Nantucket,	Shutesbury,	Washington,
Newbury,	Somerset,	Wellfleet,
New Marlborough,	South Hadley,	Wendell,
Norwell,	Stow,	West Newbury,
Russell,	Swansea,	West Tisbury,
Salisbury,	Tisbury,	Williamsburg.—53.
Sandisfield,	Truro,	

It appears from the above classification that of the 352 towns and cities in the State, 227 contain free public libraries that are entirely under municipal control; 30 contain libraries the use of which is entirely free, and in the management of which the municipality is in some form represented; 22 contain libraries to which the town or city appropriates money, but over which it has no control. Most of these libraries are free for circulation, but a few are free only for reference. Nineteen towns contain free public libraries that are supported entirely by private benefaction, and with which the municipality has no official connection; one has a library which is owned and controlled by the town, but is not free, a small fee being charged the citizens for the use of the books; and 53 towns have no public library, though in a few of this class small association libraries exist.

All the towns in the State, except those enumerated in Class 1, seem to be entitled to the benefit of the State appropriation, if they will establish free town libraries under full municipal control.

AID TO SMALL TOWNS HAVING LIBRARIES.

The last Legislature passed the following law, designed to aid the smaller towns that had established libraries before the law of 1890 went into effect:—

[CHAPTER 255 OF THE ACTS OF 1892.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The board of library commissioners may expend the sum of one hundred dollars for books for the free public library of any town whose valuation does not exceed six hundred thousand dollars, which maintained a free library before the passage of chapter three hundred and forty-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety, and which has fully complied or hereafter fully complies with the provisions of said act.

The following towns are entitled to the benefit of this law :—

Ashby,	Halifax,	Paxton,
Auburn,	Lanesborough,	Phillipston,
Bolton,	Mendon,	Rochester,
Boylston,	Middlefield,	Rowe,
Brimfield,	Middleton,	Royalston,
Burlington,	Millis,	Rutland,
Carlisle,	New Braintree,	Sunderland,
Chesterfield,	New Salem,	Tyngsborough,
Dunstable,	Norfolk,	Warwick,
Eastham,	North Reading,	Wenham,
Erving,	Orleans,	Whately. — 34.
Gill,		

The commission has received certificates that the towns of Bolton, New Braintree and Whately have complied with this law.

THE PRESERVATION OF TOWN HISTORY.

It is of the first importance that the free public library of every town should preserve every published detail of its history and of the lives of its citizens. It should become a treasure-house for the local historian. With this end in view, great care should be taken to secure and preserve :—

1. All printed histories of the town and its locality, including all historical addresses or sketches of its churches, associations or societies of whatever nature.

2. Complete sets of the annual reports of the selectmen, school committees and all other town officers. Few towns have preserved a complete set of their own municipal reports.

3. Genealogies and family histories which relate to those who have been or who are citizens of the town, including the preservation of biographical sketches and personal memorials in scrap books.

4. Files of all the newspapers published in the town, or of those published in the vicinity, containing a chronicle of the current events of the town.

5. All publications of natives or residents of the town, and of persons in any way identified with its history.

6. Prospectuses, programmes and all transient publications which may be illustrative in any degree of the social, political, economical or moral development of the people of the town.

7. Manuscript material, such as unpublished sermons or addresses, the records of societies, etc.

THE IMPORTANCE OF STATE PUBLICATIONS.

The Commonwealth collects and publishes, in the annual official reports of its various departments, a vast amount of valuable information, designed for the instruction and the improvement of the condition of its people. Education, agriculture, labor, health, charity and other vital interests are treated by the best expert authorities, with a view to the special necessities of the people of the State. All these publications are furnished, without cost, to every free public library in the State, — even the expense of transportation is provided for by a law of the Legislature of 1892; and it is the duty of the librarian and trustees of every library to see that these publications are carefully preserved in complete sets, and conveniently arranged for the ready use of every citizen. In view of the quickened interest in the study of economics and sociology, this is a duty that cannot be too strongly emphasized.

The Public Statutes, chapter 40, section 11, provides that all State publications that have been received by a town may be placed in the public library. The trustees should see that this is done, and that the sets be made as perfect as possible, a result to which the commission will give any practicable aid.

NOTES OF LIBRARY PROGRESS IN 1892.

AMHERST. A new library building of wood with a handsome exterior is approaching completion at North Amherst. It is a one-story building, thirty-six by twenty-five feet, and will cost the town between \$1,500 and \$2,000.

ARLINGTON. The new public library building at Arlington was dedicated November 29, with addresses by the Hon. John D. Long and Mr. Theodore F. Dwight, librarian of the Boston Public Library. It was built and furnished at a cost of \$150,000 by Mrs. Maria C. Robbins of Brooklyn, N. Y., in honor of her husband the late Eli Robbins, both being natives of the town. The library has received an endowment of \$50,000 from Mr. Elbridge Farmer, a brother of Mrs Robbins.

AYER. The new library building which Mr. Frederick F. Ayer gives to the town of Ayer will be ready for use in a few months. It is built of buff Bedford limestone, on a high base of white

Concord granite. It covers an area of sixty-three by forty feet, and will provide for twenty-five thousand volumes, with a capacity for future extension. The plans were drawn by Mr. A. E. Jenney, and the cost of the building will be about \$37,000.

BLANDFORD. Mrs. Josephine E. S. Porter of Hartford, Conn., has given to the town of Blandford a library building in memory of her son, Edgar Sheffield Porter. The building is thirty-two by fifty-five feet, and is built of cream-colored Blandford brick. It will be dedicated the coming spring.

BROOKLINE. By the will of the late Hon. William Aspinwall of Brookline all the books in the modern languages that have belonged to Mr. Aspinwall's library are given to the trustees of the Brookline public library.

LEICESTER. The late Dr. Pliny Earle bequeathed \$6,000 toward building a library in the town of Leicester.

MONSON. The will of the late Sophia B. Holmes contains a bequest of \$10,000 to the Monson free library and reading room.

NORTHAMPTON. The late Dr. Pliny Earle bequeathed \$50,000 to the city of Northampton, to be invested and the income used to aid the city in defraying the current expenses of the Forbes library. The library also receives the bulk of his medical library, and is made the residuary legatee of his estate.

NORTH BROOKFIELD. Mr. Erasmus Haston offered to give outright to the town of North Brookfield \$20,000 for a public library building, or \$30,000 for the same purpose, provided the town would pay interest on the latter sum at the rate of three per cent. a year during his life and that of his wife. At a meeting of the library trustees, September 27, it was decided that the \$30,000 should be accepted, and \$10,000 raised to buy a suitable site.

PLYMOUTH. During the year the Plymouth public library has received as a gift from the heirs of the late Sidney Bartlett, Esq., of Boston (a native of Plymouth), his entire home library, consisting of nearly two thousand volumes, many of them finely bound.

SHIRLEY. The town of Shirley receives a conditional bequest of \$3,000 under the will of Mrs. Betsey D. Hazen, for a building to be called the Hazen Memorial Library. The town has accepted the bequest, together with the proposition of Mr. Thomas L. Hazen to give a lot of land as a site for the building.

STOW. The late Dr. John W. Randall, a former resident of Stow, indicated his intention of erecting a library building for the town of Stow, but died before he had embodied the intent in his will. His wishes have, however, been carried out by his sister, Miss Belinda L. Randall, and a handsome brick building, which will cost about \$10,000, is nearly completed.

UXBRIDGE. The Hon. Edward C. Thayer of Keene, N. H., proposes to erect a \$20,000 library building for the town of Uxbridge.

WEYMOUTH. The late Mr. John S. Fogg, a banker and shoe manufacturer of Weymouth, left by his will \$50,000 as a trust fund for the establishment and maintenance of a free public library and reading room, or both, at Weymouth, to be called the "Fogg Library."

WHITMAN. The will of the late Caroline H. Whitman bequeaths \$500 to the public library of the town of Whitman.

LIBRARY STATISTICS.

An attempt has been made to secure certain statistics bearing upon the growth and utility of all the free public libraries in the State, the results of which are appended to this report. Attention is especially directed to the amount appropriated by the several towns and to the relative circulation of books for home use. These figures will furnish the means for interesting and valuable comparisons, and should be carefully studied.

THE COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION.

At the request of the Massachusetts Commissioners for the Columbian Exposition, a map is in course of preparation, upon which will be shown graphically the distribution of free books through the public libraries to all the people of the State.

LIBRARY COMMISSIONS IN OTHER STATES.

The New Hampshire Library Commission has met with a brilliant success in the first year of its work, over eighty towns having accepted the law. An effort will be made to secure similar commissions in the States of Maine, Connecticut and Pennsylvania, during the coming year.

METHODS AND RESULTS.

The methods pursued by the commission, in the selection and purchase of books, have been in accordance with the general outline of the detail of its work presented in the second annual report. Time, experience and results have proved the wisdom of the labor and patience which a careful study of each individual town renders imperative.

AID FOR THE TOWNS STILL IN NEED.

There are still, in the fifty-three towns that have no free public library, 73,366 persons who are without the inestimable privileges which the free library offers to the balance of 2,165,577 which make up the population of the State according to the United States census of 1890.

While only a trifle over three and a quarter per cent. of the people, or doubtless less than three per cent. upon the basis of the population of to-day, are without free library privileges, yet it must be borne in mind that these people are in sparsely settled towns, where a library would be of the greatest value and utility.

These towns are heavily burthened by taxation, and are in the greatest need of the aid that the State so wisely offers. In the past year private generosity, as heretofore, has supplemented the State's liberality in the most discreet and effective manner. This aid has been mainly due to the effort of one member of the commission, and has been heartily appreciated by the recipients. Similar aid from a wider circle of contributors would be of untold value to the people of these still destitute towns, and would serve to stimulate them to the supreme effort which will result in placing good books freely within reach of every citizen of the Commonwealth.

C. B. TILLINGHAST,

Chairman.

ELIZABETH P. SOHIER,

Secretary.

ANNA E. TICKNOR.

SAMUEL SWETT GREEN.

HENRY S. NOURSE.

Boston, Jan. 20, 1893.

APPENDIX.

STATISTICS

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

OF

MASSACHUSETTS.

1891-1892,

Great Barrington,	4,612	3,232,657	15,300	120,000	500 00	-	128 00	500 00	200 00	300 00	90 00	-
Hancock,*	506	344,600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hinsdale,	1,739	704,297	4,000	4,563	200 00	94 22	-	5 100 00	-	99 75	55 23	-
Lanesborough,	1,018	512,235	1,620	6,200	50 00	90 00	-	40 00	75 00	35 00	1 00	-
Lee,	3,785	1,797,799	4,193	3,000	300 00	97 44	21 72	300 00	240 66	150 00	162 63	-
Lenox,	2,889	2,956,409	9,382	1,000	-	100 00	650 00	-	99 50	340 00	160 00	-
Monterey,	495	222,220	350	1,350	25 00	-	25 00	25 00	25 00	15 00	10 00	-
Mount Washington,	148	80,841	250	280	15 00	-	-	15 00	-	-	6 00	-
New Ashford,	125	69,143	205	300	15 00	-	-	15 00	-	3 00	2 10	-
New Marlborough,*	1,305	556,794	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Adams,	16,074	6,804,740	11,769	62,524	4,000 00	-	-	4,500 00	1,568 06	1,193 94	1,451 31	-
Otis,	583	213,821	250	642	15 00	-	-	15 00	11 00	-	3 00	-
Peru,	305	138,967	275	600	15 00	-	-	15 00	15 00	-	-	-
PITTSFIELD,	17,281	11,995,680	120,000	140,000	4,000 00	-	2,700 00	2,000 00	1,200 00	2,200 00	2,500 00	-
Richmond,	796	474,524	500	6	25 00	-	-	100 00	125 00	-	-	-
Sandisfield,*	807	354,440	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Savoy,	569	172,353	243	1,243	-	-	-	15 00	-	-	-	-
Sheffield,	1,954	903,443	405	7,500	-	-	50 00	125 00	70 00	30 00	68 00	-
Stockbridge,	2,132	2,861,836	6,141	7,434	750 00	84 45	263 16	845 55	379 12	378 14	144 92	-
Tyringham,	412	211,200	275	736	15 00	-	-	15 00	-	-	-	-
Washington,*	434	203,137	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Stockbridge,	1,492	620,985	470	1,811	25 00	-	41 00	100 00	65 10	-	-	-
Williamstown,	4,221	2,352,786	3,320	4,977	250 00	134 62	17 84	250 00	218 66	75 00	75 96	-
So. Williamstown Branch, ¹	-	-	600	800	100 00	-	-	100 00	-	25 00	-	-
Blackinton Library, ¹	-	-	2,000	1,500	100 00	-	-	100 00	-	-	-	-
Windsor,	612	197,800	280	641	24 00	-	-	50 00	-	-	1 07	-
BRISTOL COUNTY.	81,108	\$45,846,855	82,945	193,510	\$12,664 00	\$704 32	\$3,972 01	\$11,575 55	\$5,240 01	\$5,479 83	\$5,628 84	7
Acushnet,*	1,027	\$587,830	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Attleborough,	7,577	4,254,839	2,937	16,500	\$600 00	-	-	\$1,000 00	\$250 00	\$125 00	-	-
Berkley,*	894	390,650	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dartmouth,*	3,122	2,383,700	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dighton,*	1,889	762,651	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Easton,	4,493	4,356,666	13,250	13,639	-	-	\$5,300 00	-	525 84	925 00	\$445 00	-
Fairhaven,*	2,919	1,610,148	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FALL RIVER,	74,398	56,065,320	42,171	101,178	6,000 00	\$3,084 25	-	7,000 00	4,836 42	2,950 72	3,406 13	-
Freetown,	1,417	811,007	250	-	-	-	-	25 00	-	-	-	-
Mansfield,	3,432	1,689,575	2,444	10,452	400 00	-	35 00	300 00	176 83	154 00	46 30	-
NEW BEDFORD,	40,733	40,274,113	60,000	88,000	5,700 00	1,291 91	3,813 00	5,800 00	4,277 00	6,332 00	376 00	-
North Attleborough,	6,727	3,794,694	4,840	21,592	1,500 00	-	-	1,500 00	450 00	500 00	600 00	-

¹ Estimated.⁵ And dog fund.² From Feb. 6, 1892, when it was opened, to Oct. 1, 1892.⁶ Just started.⁷ In six months.³ And house rent.⁸ One-third of dog tax.⁴ Since Sept. 1, 1892.

* No free library.

Statistics of the Free Public Libraries of Massachusetts, 1891-1892—Continued.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

[Jan.

COUNTIES, CITIES AND TOWNS.	Population, 1890.	Valuation, 1892.	Number of bound volumes.	Books circulated for home use.	Town appropriation for library, 1891.	Amount of dog tax devoted to library, 1891.	Income from other sources, 1891.	Town appropriation for 1892.	Expended for books and periodicals last financial year.	Paid for salaries and services in same period.	Other expenses for same year.	Number of branch libraries.
BRISTOL COUNTY—CON.												
Norton,	1,785	\$779,925	3,000	4,000	\$300 00	-	\$259 44	\$300 00	\$305 13	\$175 00	\$154 55	1
Raynham,	1,340	788,001	861	1,861	-	-	100 16	-	63 89	25 00	47 26	-
Rehoboth,	1,786	730,220	1,400	1,300	-	-	100 00	-	96 00	25 00	-	-
Seekonk,*	1,317	869,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Somerset,*	2,106	1,013,275	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Swansey,*	1,456	799,645	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TAUNTON,	25,448	18,313,350	34,630	58,867	4,500 00	\$2,095 99	283 11	4,500 00	2,627 45	2,499 96	2,802 93	-
Westport,	2,599	1,337,825	246	604	-	50 00	-	50 00	-	5 25	33 54	-
	186,465	\$141,613,234	166,029	317,593	\$19,000 00	\$6,522 15	\$9,890 71	\$20,475 00	\$13,608 56	\$13,716 93	\$7,911 71	1
DUKES COUNTY.												
Chilmark,	353	\$218,769	335	956	\$35 00	-	-	25 00	\$51 00	\$10 00	\$5 48	-
Cottage City,	1,080	1,518,125	1,350	3,184	100 00	-	-	100 00	-	55 00	45 00	-
Edgartown,	1,156	749,347	551	1,914	25 00	-	-	100 00	25 00	35 00	55 00	-
Gay Head,*	139	24,056	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gosnold,	135	210,200	225	-	-	-	-	15 00	-	-	-	-
Tisbury,*	1,506	739,369	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Tisbury,*	-	351,616	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4,369	\$3,811,482	2,461	6,054	\$160 00	-	-	\$240 00	\$76 00	\$100 00	\$105 48	-
ESSEX COUNTY.												
Amesbury,	9,798	\$4,539,251	6,000	17,446	-	\$591 16	\$51 00	\$350 00	\$252 25	\$257 00	\$95 75	-
Andover,	6,142	4,446,289	12,101	21,142	-	569 09	1,554 20	-	504 96	781 00	546 68	-
Ballardsale,	-	-	1,700	1,700	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Beverly,	10,821	13,398,325	11,514	25,056	\$1,200 00	365 94	84 29	2,000 00	645 53	512 56	507 52	3
Boxford,	865	661,223	1,396	1,396	-	50 00	87 00	-	66 57	-	2 70 00	-
West Boxford,	-	-	841	612	-	49 55	1 00	-	50 00	6 00	1 25	-
Bradford,	3,720	2,189,256	2,310	11,322	-	291 62	1,632 84	500 00	1,929 38	472 63	4 276 41	-

Danvers,	7,454	3,992,390	14,450	19,150	-	-	1,174 16	-	577 62	409 09	187 45	-
Essex,	1,713	867,670	204	-	-	-	-	25 00	-	-	-	-
Georgetown,	2,117	1,036,250	7,853	9,156	-	-	-	-	290 41	300 00	71 42	-
GLOUCESTER,	24,651	15,011,616	5 10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Groveland,	2,191	907,232	2,413	7,890	225 00	188 94	87 87	225 00	210 92	86 00	173 94	-
<i>Hale Library, So. Groveland,¹</i>	-	-	2,250	2,250	-	-	200 00	-	-	-	-	-
Hamilton,	961	992,672	1,081	2,445	50 00	-	85 33	500 00	128 65	50 00	119 80	-
Haverhill,	27,412	19,788,110	52,000	69,787	2,500 00	1,731 10	2,580 36	3,790 00	2,997 99	3,757 95	2,682 52	3
Ipswich,	4,439	2,583,434	12,000	9,875	-	-	1,150 00	-	-	650 00	-	-
LAWRENCE,	44,654	32,627,937	33,962	88,843	6,500 00	1,604 70	1,209 78	6,500 00	2,841 41	3,750 19	2,992 73	-
LYNN,	55,727	47,052,914	44,821	113,548	2,500 00	2,720 25	1,065 69	4,000 00	2,488 95	3,681 37	1,100 86	-
Lynnfield,	787	605,207	610	389	-	-	-	25 00	-	-	-	-
Manchester,	1,789	7,157,744	6,680	9,443	500 00	221 13	23 74	701 15	389 18	258 00	93 15	-
Marblehead,	8,202	5,205,146	11,067	24,911	600 00	-	1,352 35	-	571 52	636 40	82 35	-
Merrimac,	2,633	1,354,537	5,000	9,025	500 00	-	43 09	500 00	174 08	200 00	171 15	-
Methuen,	4,814	3,521,088	11,545	13,475	-	-	1,951 21	-	751 21	1,200 00	-	-
Middleton,	924	554,006	3,879	4,456	-	-	641 50	-	209 13	94 25	282 37	-
Nahant,	880	4,768,324	8,197	8,052	900 00	-	-	800 00	369 24	300 00	252 11	-
Newbury,*	1,427	956,319	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NEWBURYPORT,	13,947	9,570,505	28,705	34,782	1,200 00	672 06	1,781 57	6 1,500 00	1,234 18	1,982 88	324 00	-
North Andover,	3,742	2,705,047	9,000	11,500	500 00	331 46	-	800 00	400 00	375 00	40 00	1
Peabody, ⁷	10,158	7,446,900	32,953	34,930	-	-	4,083 72	-	1,254 11	944 74	1,300 00	-
Rockport,	4,087	2,132,800	3,500	15,000	-	203 75	-	6 100 00	184 00	100 00	49 00	-
Rowley,	1,218	506,967	1,243	6,613	6 97	93 03	-	117 52	70 00	50 00	18 00	-
SALEM,	30,801	26,427,876	25,045	120,243	10,150 00	-	2,912 40	10,500 00	4,638 07	4,972 56	3,223 53	-
Salisbury,*	1,316	591,624	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Saugus,	3,673	2,707,952	2,622	5,708	-	181 14	-	6 250 00	181 14	-	-	-
Swampscott, ¹	3,198	4,775,449	6,000	16,000	350 00	300 00	25 00	350 00	250 00	200 00	150 00	-
Topsfield,	1,022	1,026,890	5,112	6,669	75 09	-	124 44	75 00	412 99	18 75	135 57	-
Wenham,	886	572,915	1,630	2,563	100 00	-	-	125 00	87 50	-	18 50	-
West Newbury,*	1,796	918,236	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	299,995	\$233,398,097	379,484	725,978	\$27,896 97	\$10,164 92	\$22,902 54	\$33,733 67	\$24,710 99	\$26,046 37	\$15,548 93	7
FRANKLIN COUNTY.												
Ashfield,	1,025	\$477,148	3,623	6,000	\$150 00	-	\$116 00	\$150 00	\$160 23	\$30 00	\$55 45	-
Barnardston,	770	371,034	5,401	4,891	100 00	-	345 63	75 00	263 13	75 00	31 50	-
Buckland,	1,570	537,682	2,033	3,867	-	-	154 71	-	114 71	50 00	-	-
Charlemont,	972	340,326	800	2,000	25 00	-	-	25 00	25 00	20 00	-	-
Colrain,	1,671	565,828	375	-	-	-	-	25 00	-	-	-	-
Conway,	1,451	701,429	1,723	1,723	-	\$47 00	67 00	-	-	16 00	25 90	-

¹ Estimated.² For catalogue.³ For eight months.⁴ Furnishing reading-room and library.⁵ Closed on account of Sawyer will contest.⁶ And dog tax.⁷ Including Eben Sutton reference library.

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FRANKLIN COUNTY—Con.												
Deerfield,	2,910	\$1,488,579	2,500	2,500	-	-	\$250 00	-	-	-	-	-
Pocumtuck Valley Asso., . .	-	-	5,121	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erving,	972	378,817	1,089	2,180	\$50 00	-	-	\$50 00	\$50 00	\$24 00	\$5 00	1
Gill,	960	462,101	1,141	1,768	100 00	\$35 00	9 48	-	137 59	25 00	-	1
Greenfield,	5,252	4,913,769	7,525	23,465	1,200 00	208 70	17 00	1,200 00	1,096 00	382 00	-	-
Hawley,*	515	147,929	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Heath,*	503	156,980	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Leverett,	702	279,024	366	366	50 00	-	-	50 00	4 35	20 00	21 23	1
Leyden,	407	171,528	543	640	-	-	-	40 00	-	10 00	11 75	-
Monroe,*	282	139,471	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Montague,	6,296	3,412,404	4,953	5,570	266 67	110 53	184 45	266 67	146 73	278 00	-	1
New Salem,	856	287,020	1,024	1,900	40 00	-	40 00	40 00	140 00	10 00	-	-
Northfield,	1,869	834,122	3,598	4,158	175 00	-	-	175 00	100 00	60 00	15 00	-
Orange,	4,568	2,423,425	3,893	14,895	500 00	116 30	49 85	500 00	242 53	189 55	51 59	-
Rowe,	541	186,799	1,000	600	25 00	-	-	25 00	10 00	15 00	-	-
Shelburne,	1,553	860,840	272	385	-	-	-	50 00	29 34	-	20 66	-
Shutesbury,*	453	151,175	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sunderland,	663	411,947	2,868	3,415	25 00	31 00	166 25	25 00	112 01	30 00	75 26	-
Warwick,	565	297,475	2,758	2,553	100 00	-	30 00	190 00	60 30	30 00	45 82	-
Wendell,*	505	232,327	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whately,	779	408,732	1,700	624	100 00	24 75	100 00	69 22	-	35 00	-	-
	38,610	\$20,637,911	54,306	83,500	\$2,406 67	\$573 28	\$1,530 37	\$2,865 89	\$2,681 92	\$1,299 55	\$357 16	4
HAMPDEN COUNTY.												
Agawam,	2,352	\$1,236,826	893	3,692	-	\$195 75	\$48 00	4 -	\$214 31	\$6 00	\$9 25	2
Blandford,	871	416,538	1,290	1,185	\$25 00	-	-	\$25 00	-	-	5 00	-
Brimfield,	1,096	411,400	2,500	2,000	-	98 85	-	109 85	107 10	50 00	-	-
Chester,*	1,295	533,534	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CHICOPEE,	14,050	7,107,500	13,134	28,137	2,500 00	-	-	2,500 00	1,110 68	755 17	634 15	1
Granville,*	1,061	339,319	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hampden,	831	402,825	357	1,019	-	100 00	-	75 00	60 00	10 00	30 00	-
Holland,	201	92,837	258	-	-	-	-	15 00	-	-	-	-
HOLYOKE,	35,637	24,473,285	15,000	43,335	3,000 00	-	-	3,000 00	1,526 00	1,100 00	217 00	-

Holland,	201	92,837	208	43,333	3,000 00	-	-	-	-	3,000 00	1,526 00	1,100 00	217 00	-
HOLYOKE,	35,637	24,473,285	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Longmeadow,*	2,183	1,075,685	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ludlow,	1,939	1,013,484	3,000	5,200	-	75 00	-	-	-	-	102 20	-	-	-
Monson,	3,650	1,750,343	4,786	7,721	350 00	-	878 00	350 00	506 00	500 00	343 00	-	-	-
Montgomery,*	266	152,962	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Palmer,	6,520	2,609,904	4,234	9,825	500 00	-	-	500 00	139 76	191 50	254 62	-	-	-
Russell,*	879	511,268	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Southwick,	914	509,913	361	1,740	-	25 00	-	150 00	231 72	5 25	26 83	-	-	-
SPRINGFIELD,	44,179	50,780,987	79,575	137,731	14,300 00	2,712 80	3,608 08	15,800 00	6,348 19	6,786 59	6,693 69	-	-	-
Tolland,	393	142,715	200	200	-	15 00	-	15 00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wales,*	700	279,208	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Westfield,	9,805	7,153,225	14,150	8,717	-	650 71	1,127 23	-	467 76	716 57	-	-	-	-
West Springfield,	5,077	3,498,892	4,347	10,114	500 00	207 00	-	500 00	157 00	160 00	27 00	-	-	-
Wilbraham,	1,814	757,006	225	225	25 00	-	-	25 00	-	-	-	-	-	-
	135,713	\$105,309,716	144,310	260,841	\$21,265 00	\$4,065 11	\$5,661 31	\$23,064 86	\$10,970 72	\$10,281 08	\$8,240 54	3	-	-
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.														
Amherst,	4,512	\$3,174,303	5,728	12,972	\$400 00	-	\$746 25	\$400 00	\$832 13	\$110 50	\$237 08	-	-	-
North Amherst,	-	-	1,600	5,000	100 00	-	70 00	100 00	60 00	50 00	10 00	-	-	-
Belchertown,	2,120	832,305	4,450	10,279	-	\$310 00	378 00	-	148 00	233 00	375 00	-	-	-
Chesterfield,	608	294,198	1,292	202	-	-	-	-	-	20 00	-	-	-	-
Cummington,	787	294,741	6,712	2,000	76 13	-	-	75 00	23 59	1 -	5 00	-	-	-
Easthampton,	4,395	2,452,746	9,700	13,050	700 00	-	366 00	700 00	308 00	378 00	380 00	-	-	-
Enfield,	952	720,770	2,000	3,400	-	86 17	128 00	111 86	160 00	30 00	10 00	-	-	-
Goshen,	297	136,964	352	550	25 00	-	2 14	15 00	36 00	-	-	-	-	-
Granby,	765	431,500	530	2,199	50 00	-	-	100 00	236 26	-	22 25	-	-	-
Greenwich,	526	271,335	448	1,194	125 00	-	-	100 00	100 00	-	-	-	-	-
Hadley,*	1,669	959,202	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hatfield,	1,246	917,338	6,000	8,000	250 00	-	-	250 00	150 00	75 00	25 00	-	-	-
Huntington,*	1,385	508,420	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Middlefield,	455	216,880	728	500	-	72 19	-	-	45 00	10 00	-	-	-	-
NORTHAMPTON,	14,990	9,664,854	24,810	52,476	1,500 00	-	3,700 00	1,500 00	974 59	1,828 25	2,897 29	1	-	-
Pelham,	486	176,188	269	400	15 00	15 00	6 18	15 00	15 40	1 -	-	-	-	-
Plainfield,	435	157,991	501	900	15 00	-	-	25 00	20 00	-	5 00	-	-	-
Prescott,	376	165,859	589	538	-	58 46	1 85	50 00	-	4 66	18 43	-	-	-
Southampton,*	1,017	489,523	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Hadley,*	4,261	1,868,006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ware,	7,329	3,889,420	9,718	24,269	1,000 00	466 00	-	1,000 00	666 35	688 59	638 86	-	-	-
Westhampton,	477	238,856	1,567	1,000	20 00	36 00	35 00	20 00	80 00	20 00	-	-	-	-
Williamsburg,*	2,057	879,601	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Worthington,	714	292,015	840	802	-	-	59 55	-	-	10 40	15 48	-	-	-
	51,859	\$29,033,016	77,834	139,731	\$4,276 13	\$1,044 42	\$5,492 97	\$4,461 86	\$3,855 32	\$3,470 40	\$4,639 39	2	-	-

¹ Rent of house.² No return.³ And one-half of dog fund.⁴ Dog fund.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY.												
Acton,	1,897	\$1,440,475	5,466	9,937	\$500 00	-	\$100 00	\$550 00	\$225 00	\$200 00	\$100 00	-
Arlington,	5,629	6,051,456	12,260	35,114	2,000 00	\$663 47	660 98	2,000 00	686 68	1,380 05	1,285 85	1
Ashby,	825	517,755	1,600	1,438	125 00	-	-	150 00	-	100 00	-	-
Ashland,	2,532	1,202,890	3,200	5,696	-	324 39	50 54	150 00	110 62	111 00	158 36	-
Ayer,	2,148	1,311,913	6,148	9,516	350 00	-	11 70	200 00	60 30	261 05	44 77	-
Bedford,	1,092	905,230	3,000	3,091	200 00	172 00	13 20	200 00	56 75	83 80	247 50	-
Belmont,	2,098	3,614,920	7,372	8,724	800 00	251 46	-	800 00	461 15	351 50	209 14	-
Billerica,	2,380	1,758,929	2,500	10,400	-	-	550 00	-	175 00	125 00	150 00	-
Boxborough,	325	241,102	424	937	60 00	-	65 00	54 00	54 00	-	2 50	-
Burlington,	617	516,053	2,170	1,325	100 00	-	-	100 00	60 45	30 00	5 82	-
CAMBRIDGE,	70,028	74,240,095	35,000	110,446	9,000 00	4,500 00	1,500 00	14,000 00	2,800 17	5,351 03	5,275 02	6
Carlisle,	481	381,288	1,168	1,244	-	68 58	16 83	77 00	25 00	35 00	25 00	-
Chelmsford,*	2,695	1,855,875	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Concord,	4,427	3,743,740	24,041	20,291	1,807 00	315 69	1,577 00	2,155 26	1,371 00	1,100 00	1,266 00	-
Dracut,*	1,996	1,638,890	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dunstable,	416	290,410	1,887	982	58 00	-	-	50 00	39 83	20 00	7 52	-
EVERETT,	11,068	9,934,300	7,667	29,324	1,000 00	1,200 00	-	1,200 00	1,006 97	677 26	692 05	-
Framingham,	9,239	8,212,272	15,049	39,116	1,600 00	-	2,005 28	1,600 00	1,141 90	1,080 22	783 16	2
Groton,	2,057	3,049,664	5,699	8,100	300 00	244 71	311 00	309 00	572 54	200 00	49 78	-
Holliston,	2,619	1,552,234	4,436	9,725	-	392 43	62 60	-	246 70	153 10	88 85	-
Hopkinton,	4,088	2,224,185	2,712	6,751	-	-	270 00	-	120 00	75 00	75 00	-
Hudson,	4,670	2,670,497	5,850	23,824	700 00	261 79	58 45	500 00	474 09	298 40	247 75	-
Lexington,	3,197	3,522,645	13,930	20,573	875 00	543 19	807 78	1,000 00	1,173 24	849 00	309 79	1
Lincoln,	987	2,409,023	4,495	3,126	500 00	208 47	323 02	500 00	340 85	325 00	150 84	-
Littleton,	1,025	800,910	5,154	5,630	-	-	415 09	85 00	309 52	138 59	44 84	-
LOWELL,	77,696	64,702,229	47,618	99,658	12,000 00	3,254 69	-	12,000 00	5,524 57	5,994 87	5,787 51	-
MALDEN,	23,031	20,157,970	21,111	70,064	4,500 00	1,972 96	944 45	5,000 00	2,156 24	2,393 99	3,006 99	-
MARLBOROUGH,	13,805	7,603,025	11,170	36,943	700 00	1,286 65	39 93	1,000 00	848 53	932 71	444 57	-
Maynard,	2,700	2,074,416	3,419	20,000	125 00	235 36	23 00	-	58 67	113 02	131 40	-
MEDFORD,	11,079	11,241,080	13,414	41,200	2,200 00	1,264 33	150 57	2,500 00	721 76	1,570 70	1,321 59	4
Melrose,	8,519	8,596,595	9,174	31,425	1,000 00	1,080 00	112 43	1,000 00	888 65	775 00	-	-

Natick, <i>Morse Institute, Bacon Free Library.</i>	9,118	5,547,350	16,300	26,933	600 00	1,219 32	500 21	600 00	449 70	1,175 00	198 37	-
NEWTON	24,379	40,381,569	34,730	105,988	11,280 00	-	659 50	-	135 80	227 00	726 10	-
North Reading	874	538,904	3,442	7,309	52 00	52 00	1,032 99	11,300 00	3,550 18	4,396 42	4,357 07	4 10
Pepperell	3,127	1,908,950	6,540	7,635	-	388 07	-	52 00	165 00	52 00	-	-
Reading	4,088	3,070,906	6,527	13,528	450 00	309 66	-	5	-	100 00	-	-
Sherborn	1,381	825,230	4,063	4,877	150 00	112 20	5 02	450 00	250 00	195 05	268 30	-
Shirley	1,191	685,663	1,775	4,877	300 00	-	34 93	6 150 00	166 39	80 00	4 40	-
SOMERVILLE	40,152	38,093,100	20,817	95,127	3,000 00	2,596 68	-	300 00	-	-	-	-
Stoneham	6,155	3,696,305	7,895	26,055	1 400 00	609 45	40 00	4,000 00	2,713 07	1,012 83	1,489 21	-
Stow *	903	788,554	-	-	-	-	-	1 400 00	410 91	276 00	600 59	-
Sudbury	1,197	1,079,765	9,565	13,763	-	-	-	-	400 00	225 00	75 00	-
Tewksbury	2,515	1,422,399	3,915	6,264	200 00	224 25	-	200 00	177 44	190 00	41 25	-
Townsend	1,750	1,126,182	2,268	5,000	175 00	-	26 00	175 00	100 00	75 00	27 00	-
Tyngsborough	662	369,366	3,586	3,487	40 90	94 72	19 20	-	102 00	40 00	40 90	-
Wakefield	6,982	5,002,495	10,846	19,758	400 00	585 64	261 00	1 400 00	486 07	600 00	207 68	-
WALTHAM	18,707	17,616,756	19,237	43,451	2,000 00	1,651 30	4,040 00	2,100 00	1,755 59	1,386 59	509 00	-
Watertown	7,073	7,770,079	21,256	34,939	3,500 00	628 64	393 78	8 4,094 26	1,684 62	1,699 58	1,008 88	-
Wayland	2,060	1,457,830	11,750	5,000	300 00	138 00	35 00	300 00	250 00	280 00	-	1
Westford	2,250	1,142,585	6,972	7,324	150 00	200 00	81 37	150 00	438 58	75 00	23 15	-
Weston	1,664	3,004,466	8,300	8,481	364 00	275 59	151 15	1 364 00	478 79	300 00	64 13	-
Wilmington	1,213	776,190	1,776	1,770	150 00	-	25 00	150 00	105 00	50 00	20 00	-
Winchester	4,861	5,238,530	9,595	22,723	1,400 00	449 94	110 89	1,700 00	477 35	475 00	9 758 75	-
WOBURN	13,499	9,332,523	30,200	60,238	2,000 00	1,281 20	3,694 28	1,800 00	1,375 70	2,640 66	2,125 02	-
NANTUCKET COUNTY.	431,167	\$390,237,733	523,109	1,196,127	\$67,411 90	\$29,056 83	\$21,344 17	\$75,856 52	\$37,382 37	\$41,176 42	\$34,455 90	25
Nantucket,*	3,268	\$3,009,406	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NORFOLK COUNTY.												
Avon	1,384	\$694,144	1,057	10 -	-	\$186 80	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bellingham*	1,334	664,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Braintree	4,848	4,222,800	9,548	20,789	\$800 00	-	\$400 00	\$800 00	\$510 86	\$400 00	\$100 00	-
Brookline	12,103	53,180,600	38,058	60,731	9,000 00	-	1,803 21	10,500 00	1,813 58	3,968 97	3,029 87	-
Canton	4,538	3,825,072	7,109	22,792	1,050 00	-	451 00	1,050 00	950 00	328 00	-	-
Cohasset	2,448	4,071,407	5,050	7,933	500 00	-	-	500 00	333 22	164 00	126 20	-
Dedham	7,123	5,930,340	11,228	18,933	2,250 00	-	361 50	2,250 00	789 84	1,200 00	440 00	1
Dover,*	727	747,698	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Foxborough	2,933	1,549,348	4,000	15,904	450 00	-	100 00	450 00	90 00	300 00	100 00	-

¹ And dog tax.² Including \$213.60 for catalogues.³ Local deliveries.⁴ Distributing agencies.⁵ Dog tax.⁶ No free library.⁶ And one-half dog tax. ⁷ Estimated.⁸ Including dog tax.⁹ Including new catalogue.¹⁰ Open only four weeks.

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COUNTIES, CITIES AND TOWNS.	Population, 1890.	Valuation, 1892.	Number of bound volumes.	Books circulated for home use.	Town appropriation for library, 1891.	Amount of dog tax devoted to library, 1891.	Income from other sources, 1891.	Town appropriation for 1892.	Expended for books and periodicals last financial year.	Paid for salaries and services in same period.	Other expenses for same year.	Number of branch libraries.
NORFOLK COUNTY—Con.												
Franklin,	4,831	\$2,645,235	4,930	9,642	\$750 00	-	\$218 62	\$700 00	\$113 76	\$200 00	\$550 00	-
Holbrook,	2,474	1,141,057	6,100	12,159	800 00	-	120 00	800 00	540 69	325 00	142 22	-
Hyde Park,	10,193	8,125,291	13,000	33,377	1,850 00	\$804 03	-	1,850 00	1,132 44	830 00	1,009 56	-
Medfield,	1,493	1,256,388	3,500	7,472	100 00	210 27	75 00	100 00	88 44	85 00	17 65	-
Medway,	2,985	1,215,225	681	2,585	-	-	497 00	180 00	325 00	35 00	150 00	-
Millis,	786	743,285	1,880	4,500	200 00	124 27	7 50	100 00	204 08	50 00	113 80	-
Milton,	4,278	14,220,395	10,830	7,887	1,100 00	748 57	-	¹ 1,686 34	505 51	622 00	661 83	-
Needham,	3,035	2,581,210	2,846	10,847	300 00	455 85	25 00	² 300 00	485 34	124 34	77 32	1
Norfolk,	913	525,462	542	1,024	50 00	-	-	50 00	24 00	25 00	5 52	-
Norwood,	3,733	2,710,178	5,000	³ 5,000	700 00	441 79	8 62	1,082 14	711 44	175 00	193 34	-
QUINCY,	16,723	15,566,920	16,000	67,123	3,175 00	1,588 43	-	² 3,250 00	1,505 78	2,275 00	911 53	-
Randolph,	3,946	2,017,210	13,000	15,709	250 00	-	1,900 00	250 00	649 52	625 00	516 00	-
Sharon,	1,634	1,312,401	3,127	7,465	-	275 00	40 00	275 00	175 00	75 00	20 00	-
Stoughton,	4,852	2,651,553	5,539	20,585	-	640 90	204 30	⁴ -	428 57	306 00	120 00	1
Walpole,	2,604	2,020,373	5,800	18,823	700 00	-	9 00	700 00	376 53	196 70	117 19	1
Wellesley,	3,600	6,522,575	7,149	9,423	-	317 00	-	317 00	307 00	-	-	-
Weymouth,	10,866	6,497,371	14,237	58,246	1,000 00	804 50	1,032 19	1,350 00	677 64	850 65	1,308 40	⁵ 6
Wrentham,	2,566	1,374,626	1,437	1,155	-	-	-	1,600 00	678 93	29 77	317 98	2
	118,950	\$147,912,664	191,648	440,104	\$25,025 00	\$6,597 41	\$7,254 94	\$30,040 48	\$13,417 17	\$13,190 43	\$10,028 41	13
PLYMOUTH COUNTY.												
Abington,	4,260	\$2,222,302	9,280	20,222	\$1,000 00	\$517 05	\$131 23	² \$500 00	\$481 60	\$352 00	\$816 24	1
Bridgewater,	4,249	2,369,229	8,669	21,155	1,000 00	-	149 78	1,200 00	383 18	470 30	295 70	-
BROCKTON,	27,294	19,172,307	17,661	65,888	3,500 00	1,119 11	-	3,500 00	2,406 63	2,224 59	414 44	2
Carver,	994	701,090	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Duxbury,	1,908	1,242,019	1,200	4,000	250 00	-	-	250 00	-	-	-	-
East Bridgewater,	2,911	1,488,939	2,000	6,233	300 00	-	23 52	500 00	176 57	100 00	46 36	-
Halifax,	562	264,168	1,845	2,543	-	61 92	-	67 34	62 00	50 00	-	-
Hanover,	2,093	1,223,504	2,782	5,924	300 00	-	23 30	300 00	150 09	111 50	60 05	-
Hanson,	1,267	604,559	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hingham,	4,564	3,923,672	8,100	12,287	-	-	1,535 00	-	350 81	600 00	856 43	-

Hull,	989	2,580,285	642	* 642	-	81 47	7 02	-	43 20	7 50	33 08	-
Kingston,	1,659	1,503,070	650	1,800	-	-	-	-	120 00	-	100 00	-
Lakeville,*	935	516,813	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marion, ³	871	1,439,170	1,400	2,700	-	-	-	-	-	150 00	-	-
Marshfield,*	1,713	1,225,325	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mattapoisett,	1,148	1,545,801	2,236	5,026	100 00	142 39	-	100 00	89 88	30 00	8 13	-
Middleborough,	6,065	3,764,261	5,490	21,834	879 40	* 721 90	157 58	-	560 00	312 00	-	-
Norwell,*	1,635	889,599	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pembroke,	1,320	674,190	1,700	2,000	-	-	20 00	6	63 00	25 00	13 00	-
Plymouth,	7,314	5,953,600	10,579	23,398	1,200 00	-	648 88	1,200 00	402 68	520 00	819 55	-
Plympton,	597	301,158	384	1,463	75 00	25 00	-	100 00	25 00	25 00	48 39	-
Rochester,	1,012	496,450	1,720	1,109	100 00	-	20 00	-	118 00	52 00	10 00	-
Rockland,	5,213	2,841,134	8,053	24,932	1,611 00	611 24	67 73	* 700 00	564 62	554 40	441 28	-
Scituate, ³	2,318	1,974,890	1,100	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wareham,	3,451	1,815,171	1,088	7,074	-	-	832 74	-	600 00	75 00	157 74	-
West Bridgewater,	1,917	1,094,632	3,718	5,194	-	346 70	18 70	846 70	250 22	104 36	24 84	-
Whitman,	4,441	3,342,560	8,234	24,232	1,750 00	-	-	1,450 00	589 09	429 75	906 39	-
SUFFOLK COUNTY.												
	92,700	\$65,109,898	98,531	260,656	\$12,065 40	\$3,626 78	\$3,635 48	\$10,214 04	\$7,316 57	\$6,193 40	\$4,951 62	3
BOSTON,	448,477	\$893,975,704	574,525	702,915	\$150,000 00	-	\$10,000 00	\$160,000 00	\$40,674 85	\$81,638 11	\$37,239 73	* 23
CHELSEA,	27,909	21,413,285	13,205	64,599	4,500 00	-	232 47	4,500 00	1,057 98	1,980 65	1,693 84	-
Revere,	5,668	5,870,745	4,000	18,400	1,000 00	-	45 00	1,000 00	389 40	385 00	108 83	3
Winthrop,	2,726	4,231,440	2,290	7,351	550 00	-	6 50	550 00	352 66	100 00	102 28	-
WORCESTER COUNTY.												
	484,780	\$925,491,174	594,020	793,265	\$156,050 00	-	\$10,283 97	\$166,050 00	\$42,474 89	\$84,103 76	\$39,144 68	26
Ashburnham,	2,074	\$1,077,065	2,197	6,837	-	\$200 00	\$100 00	\$300 00	\$210 00	\$87 00	\$4 70	-
Athol,	6,319	3,367,228	3,393	* 11,000	\$500 00	-	-	500 00	191 01	243 00	153 47	-
Auburn,	1,532	513,016	1,800	1,767	110 00	-	-	288 00	23 00	35 00	25 22	-
Barre,	2,239	1,489,206	4,723	6,528	475 00	-	337 57	550 00	344 05	400 00	132 69	-
Berlin,	884	506,102	382	2,201	50 00	-	134 28	75 00	125 57	22 00	21 05	-
Blackstone,	6,138	2,595,500	4,712	5,389	-	455 70	25 48	-	37 95	157 17	* 273 64	1
Bolton,	827	480,181	3,000	2,413	100 00	-	-	-	75 00	45 00	-	-
Boylston,	770	511,355	3,000	3,195	-	144 49	126 36	146 70	145 57	66 35	17 40	-
Brookfield,	3,352	1,332,712	11,879	25,254	552 00	-	756 00	602 00	605 32	300 00	52 00	1
Charlton,	1,847	926,380	1,544	2,000	200 00	-	25 00	200 00	100 00	50 00	50 00	-
Clinton,	10,424	6,520,391	17,600	34,095	1,500 00	700 00	-	* 1,500 00	1,220 00	700 00	280 00	-
Dana,	700	306,797	259	259	-	-	-	25 00	-	-	13 85	1

¹ Including dog tax.² And dog tax.³ Estimated.⁴ Dog tax.⁵ Delivery agencies.⁶ One-half dog tax.⁷ Nine branches, 14 delivery stations.⁸ Including \$219.88 for new catalogue.^{*} No free library.

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COUNTIES, CITIES AND TOWNS.	Population, 1890.	Valuation, 1892.	Number of bound volumes.	Books circulated for home use.	Town appropriation for library, 1891.	Amount of dog tax devoted to library, 1891.	Income from other sources, 1891.	Town appropriation for 1892.	Expended for books and periodicals last financial year.	Paid for salaries and services in same period.	Other expenses for same year.	Number of branch libraries.
WORCESTER COUNTY — Con.												
Douglas,	1,908	\$1,046,565	2,323	6,930	-	\$291 31	\$163 75	\$291 31	\$227 70	\$50 00	\$67 57	1
Dudley,	2,944	1,003,645	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
FITCHBURG,	22,037	17,065,546	26,192	44,918	\$4,000 00	1,660 64	461 86	4,000 00	2,156 90	2,592 93	1,372 67	1
Gardner,	8,424	4,513,815	4,050	11,100	-	595 92	949 35	595 92	426 05	750 00	836 19	1
Grafton,	5,002	2,330,030	8,000	33,506	150 00	492 33	98 83	477 02	422 77	194 10	30 70	4
Hardwick,	2,922	1,416,160	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Harvard,	1,095	968,835	3,563	4,203	200 00	-	332 93	-	233 93	100 00	281 18	1
Holden,	2,623	1,108,472	3,745	6,485	200 00	-	-	200 00	200 00	185 00	-	1
Hopedale,	1,176	1,508,281	3,841	6,668	800 00	180 51	28 94	1,000 00	288 47	328 10	392 88	1
Hubbardston,	1,346	677,621	6,000	5,309	-	215 56	7 00	230 97	206 65	68 00	42 00	1
Lancaster,	2,201	2,958,704	23,019	12,336	1,000 00	320 96	569 41	1,000 00	1,026 14	396 88	467 35	3
Leicester,	3,120	2,137,819	7,066	6,127	400 00	-	42 75	400 00	232 39	118 50	1 91 86	1
Leominster,	7,269	4,897,314	12,934	26,470	2,050 00	665 34	206 44	1,735 00	468 95	576 00	585 49	1
Lunenburg,	1,146	738,424	3,060	4,025	-	193 15	30 00	193 15	134 48	50 00	41 40	1
Mendon,	919	541,633	2,953	3,472	390 00	-	-	175 00	88 51	111 24	189 82	1
Milford,	8,780	5,069,854	8,598	22,122	500 00	391 71	59 05	600 00	418 12	300 00	230 80	1
Millbury,	4,423	2,036,548	6,960	10,400	-	534 00	-	100 00	900 00	175 00	25 00	1
New Braintree,	573	433,700	1,160	2,196	100 00	-	5 98	100 00	80 94	25 00	6 50	1
Northborough,	1,952	1,252,048	8,257	5,662	250 00	272 00	128 27	250 00	432 20	125 00	109 43	1
Northbridge,	4,603	2,562,143	5,297	7,279	4 900 00	-	70 00	4 900 00	235 47	150 00	116 00	1
North Brookfield,	3,871	1,752,845	4,560	16,130	1,000 00	-	-	1,000 00	362 98	325 00	228 00	1
Oakham,	738	345,389	500	626	-	-	-	25 00	-	-	23 00	1
Oxford,	2,616	1,281,490	4,576	5,123	-	424 32	5 267 75	499 91	349 10	60 00	32 17	1
Paxton,	445	293,530	1,600	930	80 00	56 00	2 63	50 00	55 39	25 00	5 10	1
Petersham,	1,050	580,062	7,525	5,000	210 00	-	285 66	150 00	70 94	169 58	176 46	1
Phillipston,	502	269,443	4,493	5,000	-	-	-	-	123 00	100 00	83 00	1
Princeton,	982	834,165	3,200	3,788	50 00	-	100 00	50 00	132 00	100 00	-	1
Royalston,	1,030	543,021	1,397	1,349	100 00	-	-	100 00	-	25 00	-	1
Rutland,	980	500,228	1,400	2,618	100 00	65 00	-	100 00	-	52 00	3 32	1
Shrewsbury,	1,449	986,099	3,000	6,440	100 00	250 09	15 40	50 00	173 37	85 00	-	1
Southborough,	2,114	1,503,026	6,419	5,203	-	-	147 31	-	145 58	116 00	26 85	1
Southbridge,	7,655	3,391,157	14,700	16,760	1,500 00	531 57	113 28	1,500 00	755 73	900 00	341 12	1
Spencer,	8,747	4,130,561	8,007	26,135	1,200 00	593 35	-	1,200 00	633 51	700 00	490 57	1

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Sterling,	1,244	849,135	6,000	4,000	75 00	217 44	160 00	75 00	200 00	75 00	10 00	-
Sturbridge,	2,074	945,380	3,402	5,367	200 00	249 57	7 00	450 00	220 00	169 00	9 50	-
Sutton,	3,180	1,286,772	⁷ 5,300	4,933	400 00	-	-	500 00	98 93	30 00	13 58	4
Templeton,	2,999	1,264,283	4,000	8,700	310 00	-	306 00	310 00	306 00	150 00	160 00	⁸ 3
Upton,	1,878	948,409	2,949	6,277	250 00	-	60 00	250 00	130 00	100 00	12 00	-
Uxbridge,	3,408	2,102,465	6,500	6,997	250 00	324 38	18 00	250 00	329 30	200 00	41 72	-
Warren,	4,681	2,558,764	7,645	19,432	700 00	399 31	302 47	700 00	548 47	325 00	347 08	-
Webster,	7,031	2,978,623	2,667	16,343	1,000 00	-	-	1,300 00	533 36	202 05	464 49	-
Westborough,	5,195	2,740,448	8,300	30,732	500 00	460 42	287 32	600 00	279 53	500 00	223 96	-
West Boylston,	3,019	1,209,668	4,050	6,541	-	261 66	9 05	311 66	222 29	50 00	7 21	-
West Brookfield,	1,592	769,087	6,539	10,122	500 00	218 70	230 02	300 00	374 86	325 00	202 50	-
Westminster,	1,688	725,743	2,900	5,000	⁹ 50 00	219 00	-	⁹ 50 00	165 00	72 00	25 00	-
Winchendon,	4,390	2,196,606	5,125	16,632	-	325 00	-	351 00	355 75	290 25	-	-
WORCESTER,	84,655	81,025,802	89,268	¹⁰ 126,409	¹¹ 24,500 00	5,079 92	2,639 49	18,500 00	¹² 9,567 73	10,848 78	10,455 69	-
	280,787	\$191,955,290	408,129	581,789	\$47,502 00	\$16,989 35	\$9,610 63	\$45,107 64	\$27,390 86	\$34,404 93	\$19,293 18	17

¹ Including \$42.75 for new catalogue.⁵ Including \$250 legacy from Gen. Nelson's estate.⁹ And rent, fuel, lights, etc.² Estimated⁶ One-half dog tax.¹⁰ Reference use 72,699 additional.

* No free library.

³ And dog tax.⁷ Including branches.¹¹ Including \$4,500 for furniture.⁴ Including \$500 for new catalogue.⁸ Books sent weekly to three villages.¹² Not including \$995.47 for binding.

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THE STATE.	Popula- tion, 1890.	Valuation, 1892.	Number of bound volumes.	Books circulated for home use.	Town appropria- tion for library, 1891.	Amount of dog tax devoted to library, 1891.	Income from other sources, 1891.	Town appropria- tion for 1892.	Expended for books and periodicals last financial year.	Paid for salaries and ser- vices in same period.	Other expenses for same year.	Number of branch libraries.
COUNTIES.												
BARNSTABLE,	29,172	\$20,598,614	36,594	41,481	\$815 00	\$187 12	\$2,726 67	\$2,625 00	\$1,900 22	\$1,160 41	\$605 44	-
BERKSHIRE,	81,108	45,846,855	82,945	193,510	12,664 00	764 32	3,972 01	11,575 55	5,240 01	5,479 83	5,628 84	7
BRISTOL,	186,465	141,613,234	166,029	317,593	19,000 00	6,522 15	9,890 71	20,475 00	13,608 56	13,716 93	7,911 71	1
DUKES,	4,369	3,811,482	2,461	6,054	160 00	-	-	240 00	76 00	100 00	105 48	-
ESSEX,	299,995	233,398,097	379,484	725,978	27,856 97	10,164 92	22,902 54	33,733 67	24,710 99	26,046 37	15,548 93	7
FRANKLIN,	38,610	20,637,911	54,306	83,500	2,406 67	573 28	1,530 37	2,865 89	2,681 92	1,299 55	357 16	4
HAMPDEN,	135,713	105,309,716	144,310	260,841	21,265 00	4,065 11	5,661 31	23,064 86	10,970 72	10,281 08	8,240 54	3
HAMPSHIRE,	51,859	29,033,016	77,834	139,731	4,276 13	1,044 42	5,492 97	4,461 86	3,855 32	3,470 40	4,639 39	2
MIDDLESEX,	431,167	399,237,733	523,109	1,196,127	67,411 90	29,056 83	21,344 17	75,856 52	37,382 37	41,176 42	34,455 90	25
NANTUCKET,*	3,268	3,009,406	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NORFOLK,	118,950	147,912,664	191,648	440,104	25,025 00	6,597 41	7,254 94	30,040 48	13,417 17	13,190 43	10,028 41	13
PLYMOUTH,	92,700	65,169,898	98,531	260,656	12,065 40	3,626 78	3,635 48	10,214 04	7,316 57	6,193 40	4,951 62	3
SUFFOLK,	484,780	925,491,174	594,020	793,265	156,050 00	-	10,283 97	166,050 00	42,474 89	84,103 76	39,144 68	26
WORCESTER,	280,787	191,955,290	408,129	581,789	47,502 00	16,989 35	9,610 63	45,107 64	27,390 86	34,404 93	19,293 18	17
	2,238,943	\$2,333,025,090	2,759,400	5,040,629	\$396,198 07	\$79,591 69	\$104,305 77	\$426,310 51	\$191,025 60	\$240,623 51	\$150,911 28	108

* No free library.

LAWS RELATING TO THE FORMATION AND ORGAN-
IZATION OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

[ACTS OF 1890, CHAPTER 347.]

AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE ESTABLISHMENT AND EFFICIENCY OF FREE
PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

SECTION 1. The governor with the advice and consent of the council shall appoint five persons, residents of the Commonwealth, who shall constitute a board of library commissioners. The governor shall designate the chairman thereof. One member of said board shall be appointed for the term of five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year; and thereafter the term of office of the commissioners shall be five years. All vacancies on said board, whether occurring by expiration of term or otherwise, shall be filled by the governor with the advice and consent of the council.

SECT. 2. The librarian or trustees of any free public library may ask said board for advice in regard to the selection of books, the cataloguing of books and any other matters pertaining to the maintenance or administration of the library; and the board shall give such advice in regard to said matters as it shall find practicable. The board shall make a report of its doings to the general court in January of each year, and fifteen hundred copies of said report shall be printed as one of the public document series.

SECT. 3. Said board is hereby authorized and directed to expend, upon the application of the board of library trustees of any town having no free public library owned and controlled by the town, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars for books for any such town entitled to the benefits of this act; such books to be used by said trustees for the purpose of establishing a free public library, and said commissioners shall select and purchase all books to be provided as aforesaid.

SECT. 4. No town shall be entitled to the benefits of this act until such town has accepted the provisions hereof at a regularly called town meeting, and has elected a board of library trustees as provided in chapter three hundred and four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, and until said trustees shall have provided,

in a manner satisfactory to the board of commissioners, for the care, custody and distribution of the books furnished in accordance with this act.

SECT. 5. Any town accepting the provisions of this act shall annually appropriate from the dog tax, or shall otherwise annually provide for the use and maintenance of its free public library, a sum not less than fifty dollars, if its last assessed valuation was one million dollars or upward, or a sum not less than twenty-five dollars if said valuation was less than one million and not less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or a sum not less than fifteen dollars if said valuation was less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

SECT. 6. No member of the board of commissioners shall receive any compensation, but the board may expend a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars annually for clerical assistance and incidental and necessary expenses in the discharge of its duties; and all sums expended under the provisions of this act shall be paid from the treasury after the bills therefor have been approved by the board and sent to the auditor of the Commonwealth, who shall certify to the governor and council the amount due as in case of all other bills and accounts approved by him under the provisions of law.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved May 28, 1890.*]

[CHAPTER 255 OF THE ACTS OF 1892.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The board of library commissioners may expend the sum of one hundred dollars for books for the free public library of any town whose valuation does not exceed six hundred thousand dollars, which maintained a free library before the passage of chapter three hundred and forty-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety, and which has fully complied or hereafter fully complies with the provisions of said act.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES AND MANAGEMENT.

[ACTS OF 1888, CHAPTER 304.]

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELECTION AND THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF TRUSTEES OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES, OR OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND READING-ROOMS IN TOWNS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Every town which raises or appropriates money for the support of a free public library, or free public library and reading-room that is owned by the town, shall at its annual meeting, or at a

legal town meeting appointed and notified for that purpose by the selectmen, elect a board of trustees, except in cases where such library has been or may be acquired by the town, in whole or in part, by some donation or bequest containing other conditions or provisions for the elections of its trustees or for its care and management, which conditions have been accepted and agreed to by vote of the town.

SECT. 2. [As amended by chapter 112, Acts of 1889.] Said board of trustees shall consist of any number of persons divisible by three which the town may decide to elect, one-third thereof to be elected annually and to continue in office for three years, except that the town shall first elect one-third of the trustees for one year, one-third for two years and one-third for three years, and thereafter one-third the number annually for the term of three years. No person shall be ineligible to serve upon said board of trustees by reason of sex. Such board of trustees shall be elected by ballot, and shall organize annually by the choice of a chairman and secretary from their own number: *provided*, any town having a free public library, which has heretofore elected a board of trustees to manage the same, consisting of a number divisible by three, and has heretofore elected annually one-third of said board for three years, may continue to elect annually one-third of said board, and the trustees in office shall hold their offices until the term for which they were elected shall expire, unless the town shall vote otherwise.

SECT. 3. If any person elected a member of the board of trustees, after being duly notified of his election in the manner in which town officers are required to be notified, refuses or neglects to accept said office, or if any member declines further service, or from change of residence or otherwise, becomes unable to attend to the duties of the board, the remaining members shall in writing give notice of the fact to the selectmen of the town, and the two boards may thereupon, after giving public notice of at least one week, proceed to fill such vacancy until the next annual town meeting; and a majority of the ballots of persons entitled to vote shall be necessary to an election.

SECT. 4. The trustees so elected by the town shall have the entire custody and management of the library and reading-room and all property owned by the town relating thereto; and all money raised or appropriated by the town for its support and maintenance, and all money or property that the town may receive by donation from any source, or by bequest, in behalf of said free public library and reading-room, shall be placed in the care and custody of the board of trustees, to be expended or retained by them for and in behalf of the town for the support and maintenance of its free public library and reading-room, in accordance with the conditions of each or any donation or bequest accepted by the town.

SECT. 5. In every town which shall, by a majority of the votes cast at its annual town meeting or at a legal town meeting appointed and notified for that purpose by the selectmen, so direct, the board of trustees shall, in addition to the officers named in section two of this act, elect from among their own number a treasurer, who shall give a bond to the town similar to the bond given by the town treasurer, for such an amount and with such sureties as may be satisfactory to the selectmen; and until a town directs otherwise the town treasurer shall act as treasurer of the board of trustees.

SECT. 6. The trustees shall make an explicit report to the town at each annual town meeting of all their receipts and expenditures, and of all the property of the town in their care and custody, including a statement of any unexpended balance of money they may have, and of any bequests or donations they may have received and are holding in behalf of the town, with such recommendations in reference to the same as they may deem necessary for the town to consider.

SECT. 7. Nothing in this act shall be construed to interfere with library associations, nor with any library that is or may be organized and managed under special act of the legislature.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved May 4, 1888.*]



CHAPTER I
THE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA
The first discovery of America was made by Christopher Columbus in 1492. He was an Italian explorer who sailed across the Atlantic Ocean in search of a new route to the East Indies. On October 12, 1492, he landed on the island of San Salvador in the Bahamas. This event marked the beginning of European exploration of the Americas.

Columbus's voyage was sponsored by the Spanish monarchs, Isabella and Ferdinand. He believed that by sailing west from Europe, he could reach the East Indies. Although he did not find the Indies, his discovery of a new world opened up a new era of exploration and colonization.

The discovery of America led to the establishment of colonies by various European powers. These colonies eventually grew into the United States of America.

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